

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A driveway safety net, comprising:

two stakes; and

a net that attaches between the two stakes;

wherein when the two stakes are placed on both sides of a driveway and the net is attached between the two stakes, the net hinders balls and other toys from rolling past the net;

wherein each stake includes at least two prongs that are pushed into the ground when placing the stake;

wherein each prong of each stake is wider in one dimension than in another dimension so that the stake is more resistant to being pulled over in at least one direction than in at least one other direction; and

wherein each prong is curved in an arc across its wider dimension.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A driveway safety net as in claim 1 [[3]], wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net; and

wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is more resistant to being pulled over.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A driveway safety net as in claim 1 [[5]], wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net; and

wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is more resistant to being pulled over.

7. (Original) A driveway safety net as in claim 1, wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net.

8. (Original) A driveway safety net as in claim 7, wherein the attachment points are snap hooks, hook material, or loop material.

9. (Original) A driveway safety net as in claim 1, wherein the net is made of plastic or canvas netting.

10. (Original) A driveway safety net as in claim 9, wherein when attached between the two stakes, a bottom of the net is no more than three inches above the ground.

11. (Original) A driveway safety net as in claim 9, wherein the net is two feet high by sixteen to seventeen feet wide.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of hindering balls and other toys from rolling off a driveway, comprising the steps of:

placing two stakes on both sides of a driveway;

attaching a net between the two stakes;

wherein each stake includes at least two prongs that are pushed into the ground when placing the stake;

wherein each prong of each stake is wider in one dimension than in another dimension so that the stake is more resistant to being pulled over in at least one direction than in at least one other direction; and

wherein each prong is curved in an arc across its wider dimension.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 12 [[14]], wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net; and
wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is more resistant to being pulled over.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 12 [[16]], wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net; and
wherein the attachment points are on a side of the stake toward which the stake is more resistant to being pulled over.

18. (Original) A method as in claim 12, wherein each stake includes at least two attachment points for the net.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 18, wherein the attachment points are snap hooks, hook material, or loop material.

20. (Original) A method as in claim 12, wherein the net is made of plastic or canvas netting.

21. (Original) A method as in claim 20, wherein when attached between the two stakes, a bottom of the net is no more than three inches above the ground.

22. (Original) A method as in claim 20, wherein the net is two feet high by sixteen to seventeen feet wide.